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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DD/P/SR

ATTENTION : SR-2 [ ]

THROUGH : Chief, DD/P/TSS

SUBJECT : Handwriting Identification, Comparison,  
and Analysis (5200)

1. This report covers technical examination of certain documents of questioned origin submitted by SR. This examination was originated by [ ] SR-2, on 21 May 1956, with the request that the handwriting on the documents in question be compared for identification and analyzed for the purpose of ascertaining the psychological characteristics of Subject. All physical evidence submitted by the requestor and covered in the course of this examination is attached hereto.

2. After careful comparison of the handwriting on all ten of the letters submitted, it is our conclusion that in all probability they were written by one and the same person. There does appear to be a noticeable difference of writing speed between the group of letters 8, 9, and the letter marked "c-2 #10" (photocopy) and all the remaining letters. This accounts for the superficial difference in appearance.

3. The writer is a conscientious person with good mental and practical capacities which he utilizes constructively and purposefully.

He is intelligent and well educated and has made adequate use of the material he has read and studied. His way of thinking is clear, logical and to a certain degree versatile. His mind functions predominantly along prescribed lines, but he is open and susceptible to new ideas and suggestions; and he will absorb and integrate them skillfully in his work, when they fit in his general

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pattern of thought. He has a vivid imagination and some fantasy which he combines adroitly with his well developed critical facilities. He is an astute observer who notices smallest details and knows how to correlate them to their larger frame of reference. Frequently, but not always, he is able to discern the most crucial point in a problem or a situation, and he makes an effort to discard unessentials as much as he can. He has a certain amount of culture, refinement and aesthetic tendencies, and also some manual skill, although he has evidently more reproductive than actually creative abilities. At present, he seems to apply his mental equipment predominantly to practical purposes.

His rational sense of proportion is well balanced; he can figure and calculate and is able to get along with money and material allotted to him. He does not possess much originality, but he possesses intuition and fingertip feeling which enable him to find his way in unusual situations. In the execution of his work, he is exact, conscientious and reliable. Only at rare occasions (e. g. when he is in a particular hurry) a little inaccuracy or omission may occur. He is extremely meticulous and neat and attaches importance to a pleasant external appearance of his performance. He is inclined to sacrifice speed to correctness. His outstanding characteristic is, that he follows rules and regulations which are laid down for him in every detail. Even if some modifications may be necessary, he nevertheless will stick as closely as possible to the given line. He is deliberate and cautious, without being unnecessarily suspicious, and has a facility to take unexpected complications in his stride. His memory functions well and precisely, and he can draw on his store of pertinent knowledge and information, whenever needed. He has some ability for organization, can lay out plans and is capable of guiding others in their work.

Emotionally, he is fairly well balanced. He is introverted and reserved, but he has a faculty of mixing freely among people, without committing himself. He possesses some instinctual psychological understanding which supports his activities. Fundamentally, he is strongly bound to his traditional background, but he has reached a certain degree of emancipation. He is emotionally differentiated and fairly mature and is capable of making profound decisions (which may

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change his entire life) if necessary. He is bound by strict ethical principles which he is not likely to violate. He will do unusual things which are completely different from his customary activities, as long as he can bring them in agreement with these principles. He will faithfully serve an authority which he considers as a representative of these ethical principles. He is a genuine and sincere person, however if he is asked or ordered to defend his ideology (which may also have religious character) by devious means, he will do so. He will feel perfectly justified in this endeavor and have few qualms of conscience about it. Considering this constellation, he should be a reliable agent, with a somewhat unusual personality make-up. He can be aggressive, if necessary, and has an adequate instinctual balance and sufficient psycho-physical resources to navigate under trying and dangerous circumstances. However, being as differentiated as he is, he may be more vulnerable in a pressure situation and more prone to a breakdown than some constitutionally tougher individuals. In any case, the strength of his moral convictions must be considered as a strong support which should not be underestimated.

The writer is a capable person of good medium scope who functions efficiently and reliably. A certain emotional vulnerability should be taken into account, in case he would be exposed to unduly strong pressure.

4. All foregoing statements must be qualified to some degree as some of the exhibits presented for evidence are photographic in nature.

Chief, TSS/GARD/A&R

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